Exemption from price control of New Bulk drugs

4608. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee in its report made recommendations for exemption of new bulk drugs developed with indigenous research and technology with indigenous research and technology from price control for a period of five years:

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has not incorporated this recommendation in the Price Control Order;

(c) whether it is a fact that similar type of provision was available under DPCO 1979;

(d) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee recommended decontrol of a number of drugs on the basis of this recommendation;

(e) if so, the names of those drugs the prices of which were decontrolled on this basis;

(f) whether it is also a fact that prices of a number of drugs falling under the same category remained controlled;

(g) if so, what are the names of those drugs;

(h) whether his Ministry has accepted this recommendation of Kelkar Committee; and

(i) if so what are the reasons for not incorporating it in DPCO?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (e) to (i) The Kelkar Committee itself excluded all such drugs while recommending drugs for price control. The Kelkar Committee recommended list of drugs for price control and the same have been included in the Second Schedule to DPCO, 1987.

Non-implementation of the directives of Courts regarding prices of finished medicines by some drug companies

4609. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1416 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Glindia, Merind, Ethnor, Hoechst and Pfizer have not implemented the prices of finished medicines fixed by Government which were upheld by the various courts;

(b) what were the prices fixed by Government for finished medicines based on Beta methasone, Dexamethasone, Tetramisole, Baralgan, Glybenclamide, Fursemide and other drugs for which prices were upheld;

(c) what is the present price of each of these medicines;

(d) whether it is a fact that courts have directed his Ministry to recover